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We publish elsewhere in to day's Gazette the letter written by Mr. Lewis McKenzie, of this city, to the 8th regiment of Illinois cavalry, upon the occasion of their late reunion in Chicago. At present we forbear further comment than to remind our readers that the 8th Illinois was the regiment that ruthlessly dragged a venerable minister of God from the pulpit he was occupying, down the aisles of the Church, and through the streets of this city, to the jail, in his sacerdotal robes, bare-headed, and with his gray hairs streaming in the wind, as he was hurried along by the rude soldiery—he, the while, protesting against the indignity offered through him to the Ruler of the Universe; and that this outrage to God and man was perpetrated for no other reason than the refusal of the preacher, when on his knees supplicating divine grace, to obey the command of a man who rose in the congregation and commanded him to pray as he dictated; and that Mr. McKenzie was Mayor of the city at the time and was acquainted with all the facts connected with the shameful and scandalous proceeding.

The democratic convention of the State of Maryland met yesterday and nominated Thomas J. Keating for Comptroller of the Treasury. The platform adopted reaffirms the precepts of the St. Louis convention; approves the removal of troops from the Southern States; denounces the riots and lawlessness that accompanied the recent strikes, and reaffirms the resolution of the State convention of 1873, which declared "that the wealth of the country is mainly derived from the product of its labor, and every just measure to improve the condition and promote the advancement of the laboring classes should receive sympathy and will command our cordial support;" calls for a revision of the tariff laws, and declares the opposition of the democratic party to pledges of the public credit by Congress to corporations and to subsidies of all kinds.

The conservatives of Bedford county have nominated Dr. B. H. Moulton for the Senate, and W. F. Graves, G. L. Moorman and N. P. Luck for the House of Delegates. The same party have nominated C. T. Smith, esq., for the Senate for Amherst and Nelson, Robt. A. Coghill, esq., for "Floater," and William Sandridge for the House of Delegates for Amherst county.

Mr. John Murphy has announced himself as an independent and readjusting candidate for the House of Delegates from Westmoreland county.

Foreign News.

In London, yesterday, Mr. Justice Hawkins, in sentencing the Penge prisoners, Louis Henry Staunton, Patrick Staunton, Patrick Staunton's wife and Alice Rhodes, to death for the murder of the wife of the first named by starving her to death, made the following remarks on the nature of their crime: "After a long, patient, painful and anxious inquiry, you have been found guilty of a crime so black and hideous that I believe in all the records of crime it would be difficult to find its parallel. With barbarian almost incredible you plotted together to take by cruel torture the life of a poor, innocent, helpless, outraged woman. Although you do not stand to day convicted of having murdered her hapless child, I cannot help feeling satisfied within my own mind that you also contemplated and plotted and brought about its death, and terrible as to my mind it is that you should have entered into so barbarous a plot, even more incredible is it to think how wicked and cruel was your conduct in witnessing, day by day and hour by hour, the gradual sinking to her grave by slow torture, of the poor, unhappy creature whom you sent to her rest."

[This is the case of Louis Henry Staunton, Patrick Staunton, Elizabeth Staunton, and Alice Rhodes, charged with the murder of Harriet Staunton by starvation and long-continued ill treatment. Harriet Staunton was the wife of Louis Staunton, and a woman of weak intellect. Patrick Staunton is brother of Louis, and Elizabeth is Patrick's wife. Alice Rhodes is the sister of Elizabeth Staunton and the paramour of Louis Staunton. The parties are all people in good circumstances, belonging to what is called in England "the middle class." The alleged starvation and maltreatment occurred in the house of Patrick Staunton, in Cudham, Kent, and the victim died after her removal to Penge; hence the name, "Penge case."]

A special dispatch from Rome announces that Cardinal Ruffini, who was believed by many to be the best chance of succeeding Pius IX., is dangerously ill, and has received the last sacraments.

A banquet was given in honor of General Grant by the Mayor and corporation of Sheffield last night. The proceedings were very enthusiastic. Mr. Mandella, member of Parliament, in a cordial speech, proposed the health of General Grant, who in reply referred to his constant aim during his Presidency to establish a good understanding with England.

London, Sept. 28.—At the Newmarket first October meeting to-day the race for the Newmarket October handicap was won by the three year old filly, Rylstone.

In the Windham, Vt., County Court, yesterday, Ophelia Snow recovered a verdict of \$2,800 against Daniel C. Carpenter & Son, hotel proprietors and prominent citizens of Readboro, on account of injuries received by being thrown from a wagon in consequence of her husband being drunk. The liquor was purchased of the defendants.

A call is published in Rochester, N. Y., for a national liberal league congress to be held in that city October 23rd, 24th and 25th. The platform will be a total separation of church and state, national protection for national citizens and universal education on the basis of universal suffrage. The question of nominating a President and vice-President for 1880 will be considered.

THE FAIR.

The trial of the Buffalo Pitts Thresher, exhibited by Mr. Samuel Pullman, took place in the stock yards of the Woodlawn Fair yesterday evening. Owing to the damp weather the spark catcher of the engine, used to work it, got clogged, and some time was consumed in getting things straight. When the machine started, however, it worked like a charm and to the great satisfaction of the crowd who were in attendance. The miniature engine made by Mr. Henry Kelly, at the Midland shops, was also worked in the exhibition hall, and attracted many lookers on. It was much admired. All of the horses, stock, sheep and swine were removed last evening, and that part of the fair closed. Last night the hall was literally packed. So great was the crowd that it required considerable time, labor and patience to gain admission at all. Nearly everybody seemed to be in a good humor, however, and the pushing and jostling were borne by all with great equanimity.

The attendance this morning, owing to the threatening and showery weather, was not so large as on former days. The hall, however, was comfortably filled during most of the day, and much interest was manifested. Some of the exhibitors have removed their goods. The greater number will remain until Saturday morning.

The fair will be kept open until ten o'clock to-night, according to announcement. Exhibitors are requested to remove all articles before noon to-morrow, at which time there will be an auction sale of articles that have been donated to the Association, including several hundred apple trees of eighty-two varieties, two of each, which were exhibited by Chalkley Gillingham.

At four o'clock this evening the list of premiums was announced, and the closing address was made by His Honor, Mayor Kemper.

A subscription for the purpose of establishing an annual fair was started this morning, and in an hour or two over one thousand dollars was subscribed.

The following is the list of premiums:

Horses—Best thoroughbred stallion, Wm S. Spencer; best road stallion, G. W. Harrison; best 4 year old road stallion, A. H. Roberts; best stallion for general purposes, John Young; best 4 year old stallion for general purposes, R. D. Catts; best matched carriage horses, James Chatham; best pair roadsters, A. W. Harrison; best thoroughbred driving horse, R. D. Catts; best field; second best do, James Chatham; best trotting horse, John Wenzel; second best do, James Chatham; best pair draught horses, B. Canfield; best single draught horse, Wm Gray; second do, Chas. Balleger; best ladies driving horse, (Davy), D. P. Smith; best four-year old mare, Henry McWilliams; second do, W. P. Graves; best three-year old filly, (light), Peter Pullman; second do, Norman Gibbs; best three-year old filly, (heavy), Levi B. Stiles; best saddle mare, E. Watkins; best two-year old horse colt, to Ezra Troth; jr; second best two-year old horse colt, to Stacy Snowden; best two-year old filly, to E. W. Carroll; best one-year old horse colt, to Owen Carroll; best one-year old filly, to Thomas Herling; best mare and colt, (heavy), to Chas. Balleger; second best mare and colt, to Walter Walton; best mare and colt, (light draft), to Thos. Walsh; second best mare and colt, to J. Marshall Smith; best mare and colt, for general purpose, to S. E. Dyer; best pair mules, to Smoot & Perry; best single mule, to Sam'l Pullman; best short-horn cow, to Sam'l Pullman; second best short-horn cow, to M. Sweeney; third best short-horn cow, to Samuel Pullman; grade two calves, to M. Sweeney; best Devon bull and three cows, to Gen W. H. Lee.

Jerseys—Best cow and calf, to Mrs. Carroll; second best cow, to Samuel Pullman; best grade heifer, one year old, to D. P. Smith; best bull, to C. Balleger; second best, to C. Lukens; third best bull, to Adam Martin; best two-year old bull, to Samuel Pullman; best Ayrshire bull and two cows, to Thos. Walsh; best four dairy cows, to R. F. Roberts.

Sheep—Best Cotswold buck, under one year old, to Thos. Walsh; best three grade Cotswold ewes, to Walter Walton; second grade Cotswold ewes, to Thos. Walsh; best grade South Down ewes, three ewes and buck, to Wm. Daingerfield. Swine—Two best Chester hogs, to Wm Gray; best Berkshire pigs, to W. H. Jorrey; best bay and pigs, to P. H. Troth; best four grade Suffolk pigs, to Ezra Troth, jr; best Berkshire boar, to P. H. Troth.

JUDGES ON STOCK.

Horses—Wm T. Herick, J. B. Bowman, and E. H. Doty. Cattle—B. Canfield, Alex. Haight, and Jas. P. Machem. Sheep and Swine—Geo. Auld, Adam Martin, and Philip Salisbury.

The committee on cereals make the following report: Best bulk wheat, to Levi B. Stiles; 3rd ton fertilizer; best Mediterranean wheat, Jas. Hunter. This, in the opinion of the committee, was the most valuable wheat offered. Best barley, winter, N. W. Pierson; best rye, W. Gillingham. There was but one sample of each of the above offered. Best oats, P. H. Troth. Other varieties of oats offered would outweigh those named, but their market value would not come up to them. Special premium to ton fertilizer. Best basket white corn, N. W. Pierson; do, yellow, W. H. Snowden; do, bunch corn on stalk, E. E. Mason. Respectfully submitted, W. A. MOORE, ALLEN C. HARMON.

Department 4—Poultry premiums to John Robertson, Samuel Pullman, Charles Watkins, James Roberts, M. Hart, M. Patwise and E. L. Danke.

Premium for fine display of pigeons to French Smoot.

Department 5—Vegetables—Premiums to Eli B. Stiles, Chas. Balleger, Wm. H. Torrison, Wm. H. Snowden, P. H. Troth, B. Barton and Thomas Carroll.

REPORT OF THE JUDGES ON FRUIT.

They award the eight special premiums presented by Dr. Snodgrass (chromo fruit pieces) to the following exhibitors: For the best collection of peaches, S. H. Snowden; apples, S. H. Snowden; quinces, E. P. H. Howland; dried fruits, Falls Mills; pears, W. P. Graves; best collection and greatest variety of fruits from a single farm, Stacy H. Snowden; for a collection of pears and apples of superior excellence correctly named and labeled, to Benjamin Barton; for the largest collection and greatest variety of pears, to Chalkley Gillingham. Certificates of Merit were awarded to the following exhibitors, many of whose fruit were so good as to make it difficult to decide which were best: For best pears, to Edward Daniels; apples, George Auld; peaches, Jas. Roberts; dried and conserved fruits, W. H. Snowden; apples, pears and peaches, E. E. Mason; apples, W. Gillingham; pears, David Walton; seedling peaches, Jas. Hunter; apples, Mrs. Albert Gardner; pears, L. B. Stiles; apples, Adam Martin; pears, Samuel Pullman. There were placed upon exhibition eighty-two varieties of apple trees from the celebrated Mount Vernon Nurseries, Gillingham & Co., proprietors, embracing nearly all the leading varieties known to this locality. The judges think that something more than a certificate of merit should be awarded, but have no power to do so. In conclusion we would say that the exhibition of fruits was highly commendable both for quantity and quality.

J. E. SNODGRASS, J. BRAINARD, S. W. MASON.

DEPARTMENT AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS AND FERTILIZERS.

For best display of farm implements, to Herbert Bryant, Alexandria, Va.; best steam threshing machine, to Samuel Pullman, Fairfax

county, Va.; best stump puller, to Samuel Pullman, Fairfax county, Va.; best plow, for the "Oliver Chilled Plow," to W. H. May, agent, Alexandria, Va.; [the judges would also make favorable mention of the "Adamant Plow" exhibited by P. Mann, of Washington, D. C.; best farm wagon, to W. H. May, Alexandria, Va.; best spring wagon, to John Summers, Alexandria, Va.; best fanning mill, to W. H. May, Alexandria, Va.; best mower, Wood's patent, to W. H. May, agent, Alexandria, Va.; [the judges would also make favorable mention of the Champion mower, exhibited by Herbert Bryant, Alexandria, Va., as the points of difference were apparently very slight; best corn sheller, to Herbert Bryant, Alexandria, D. C.; best cultivator, to P. Mann, of Washington, D. C.; best grain drill, the "Backeye," to J. P. M. Cohen, Alexandria, Va.; [favorable mention was also made of the "Warmer's Friend" drill, exhibited by Herbert Bryant, Alexandria, Va.; best manure forks, to Herbert Bryant, Alexandria, Va.; best sample of phosphate, to Herbert Bryant, Alexandria, Va.; best sample of bone dust, to R. M. Lawson, Alexandria, Va.

BLEEKER CANFIELD, } Judges,
ALEXANDER HAIGHT, }
WILLIAM S. MOORE, }

Department 7—Class 1—Award of merit to Henry Kelley, for small steam engine.

Class 2—Green & Bro., finest display of furniture, home manufacture.

Class 4—W. T. Herick, finest display of double and single harness; F. Paff, for fine display of boots and shoes of home production; S. Dealham, finest display of clothing; 2d award to M. Beendheim for display of clothing.

Class 5—To J. E. Carlin & Sons, for fine display of cutlery, hardware, firearms, &c.; E. J. Miller & Co., for fine display of China and glassware.

Class 6—Finest display of stoves, refrigerators, &c., to E. H. Clarkson; 2d, Thomas Hoy, for display of Argand parlor stove; to William Cogran, for display for manufacture of gas in building, also for display of lamps, lanterns, steam fixtures, gauges, &c.

Class 7—J. M. Hill & Co., finest display of hand printing press and printed matter; 2d award to Ramsey & Son, for fine display of printed matter.

Class 8—Best display of jewelry to Henry Wildt; dental work, to Dr. E. Fawcett.

Class 9—Best display of sewing machines, The White, by Henry Wildt, agent for Alexandria; 2d award to C. C. Barry, for Singer machine.

Class 10—Award of merit to R. T. Lucas, for spring motor sewing machine.

Class 12—To G. R. Hill, for fine display of crackers and cakes; to Higgins & Co., soap, 1st award to C. L. Dunlap, agent; 2d award to Kirk & Co., Broadus & Co., agents; to E. Porter, for Tivoli and Vienna beer; to E. Downham & Co., for samples of wines, liquors, &c.

Respectfully submitted by Judges of Department 7.

R. W. FALLS, Chairman.

C. F. ADAMS, J. Secretaries.

S. A. GREEN, J.

Discretionary awards were made to Henry Kelly, for a beautiful model steam engine in operation; to J. C. Milburn, for a fine display of excellent groceries, his coffee being tested in the gallery by Dr. Howland; to the Messrs. McLean & Uhler, for numerous articles of useful and ornamental house furnishing goods; to Robert Ball, for a beautifully arranged case of elegant stationery.

Department 8—Pictorial works of art by native amateurs.—There being a feeling that the department judges who were put in charge of works of art generally, for lack of time or some other cause, were not sufficiently discriminating between pictures by professional and foreign artists, and those by native and amateur artists, the pictures of the latter class were submitted to the revising judges provided for under the rules, and the following report of awards was the result, viz: Premiums to Nos. 1 and 2, copies of "Winter Scenes," by Mr. F. H. Pierson, of Fairfax county, Va.; to No. 9, "Sheep," a copy in pencil; to No. 10, copy of a landscape, in oil; to No. 12, a flower piece, a copy in water colors; to No. 13, figures on glass, in oil, by Miss Sarah B. Pullman, of Fairfax county, Va.; No. 19, a copy of "Washington Crossing the Rappahannock," in oil, by Mrs. H. O. Slaymaker, of Alexandria, Va.; to No. 24, a picture of a member's birthplace, from nature, in oil, by Miss Laura Henshaw, of Berkeley county, West Va.

These were all the works of native amateurs sufficiently identified as such. The revising judges felt warranted, they say, in stepping aside to notice favorably a photographic group of the Virginia House of Delegates, because they found in it the pleasant face of the Hon. N. W. Pierson, the energetic secretary of the excellent association, under whose auspices the fair was held.

Premium for best essay on "Poultry Raising" to Warrington Gillingham, of Fairfax county, Va.

J. E. SNODGRASS, } Judges,
E. P. HOWLAND, }
W. H. SNOWDEN, }

REPORT OF JUDGES ON DOMESTIC PRODUCTS.

Two special premiums, offered by Mr. E. J. Pullman, of Washington, of six cabinet size photographs of the successful competitors, were awarded to Miss Kate Fahline, for the best bread, and to Mrs. Lizzie H. Snowden, for the best butter.

Twelve special premiums, offered by Dr. Joney, of Washington, consisting of photographic gems of art, copied from paintings and statuary in the Corcoran Gallery, were awarded to Mrs. Wm. H. Lewis, for the best bread; to Mrs. Margaret Harlan, for the best Graham bread; to Mrs. Charles Smoot, for best breakfast loaf; to Miss Maggie Harrison, for best plain cake; to Miss Katie Simpson, for best layer cake; to Miss Lillie Barton, for best quality and greatest variety of canned fruits; to Mrs. E. Baker, for best quality and greatest variety of jellies; to Mrs. A. Gardner, for best quality and greatest variety of pickles; to Miss Sarah Troth, for best butter; to Mrs. S. Snowden, for best cheese. No rye bread being offered, the judges gave the premium offered for that to Mrs. John L. Smith, for best oatmeal.

Judges on Domestic Articles.—Mrs. Emily M. Mason, Mrs. Hannah Hendrickson, and Mrs. Annie Snowden.

Premiums on rag rug—1st, Mrs. Rachel Mason; 2d, Mrs. Lizzie S. Mason; 3d, Miss Annie Frobie; zebray rug—1st, Miss Mary Stabler; counterpane—1st, Miss Annie Frobie; 2d, Mrs. G. W. Swaine; cotton quilts—1st, Mrs. John T. Creighton; 2d, Mrs. J. H. Watkins; silk quilts—1st, Miss Mary A. Gibbs; 2d, Mrs. Jimena A. Walton; worsted quilts—1st, Mrs. Maud Lewis; 2d, Ann Roberts; afghan—1st, P. M. C. Green; 2d, Mrs. D. Little; home knit stockings—Mrs. Ann Roberts.

Great credit is due to Winny Studley, an old colored woman, aged 89 years, for a worsted quilt which was pieced by her.

Department 6—Class 1—Bread, 1st premium, Miss Annie Lukens; rolls, 1st premium, Mrs. L. Snowden; 2d, Mrs. H. Hullings; corn bread, 1st premium, Miss Carrie Jacobs; Mrs. Herick; Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Washington, judges; butter, 1st premium, Mrs. Rebecca Balleger; Mrs. Snowden, Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. Hendrickson, judges; 1st lot of home-made soap, by Mrs. S. Snowden; layer cake, 1st premium, Miss J. Baker; 2d, Miss Annie Lukens; loaf cake, 1st, Miss J. Baker; 2d, Mrs. Mary Lukens; Mrs. Haight, Miss Anna Roberts and Mrs. Snowden, judges; canned fruit, 1st, Mrs. Hopkins; 2d, Mrs. E. V. Gibbs; jellies, 1st, Mrs. Wm. Auld; 2d, Mrs. E. Mason; pickles, 1st, Mrs. V. Barton.

Mrs. G. Washington and Miss Dearborn had very fine specimens of preserved watermelon rind. There was also quite a variety of very

nice looking catsup. Judges, Mrs. Allen Harmon, Mrs. Whittlesley and Mrs. J. Truax.

Class No. 2—One lot of honey and one bee hive, exhibited by Thomas Carroll.

Class 3—Green house plants—1st premium, No. 8, John Slater; 2d, No. 9, Mr. Reinecker; 3d, No. 3, Mr. Carroll.

Verbenas, geraniums, dahlias—Best display of out-flowers—Special premium by Jas. Vick, John Slater & Son.

Class 4—1st premium, Miss Katie Linnson, for leather bracket; 2d, Mrs. Maud Tacey, for leather cross; 3d, Miss Edie Ramey, for leather frame; 1st, Miss M. Hymes, for wax work; 2d, Miss L. Melcher, for wax work; 1st, Mr. J. B. Watkins, for scroll work; 2d, Mr. D. Walton Ballinger, scroll work; 1st, Miss Annie Henderson, for hair work; 2d, Miss Carrie Fowler, for hair work; 1st, Miss R. N. Gibbs, for spatter work; 2d, Mrs. Maud Tacey, for spatter work; merit, Miss Maggie Harrison, spatter work cards.

Respectfully submitted by the judges, MISS E. L. PIERSON, MISS A. M. ROBERTS, MISS M. A. GIBBS.

Class 4—1st premium to Mrs. Fowler, for lace work; 1st, to Miss J. A. Hewes, for down tipper; 1st, to Mrs. Deidle, for chenille sofa cushion; 1st, Miss Joe Baker, for zebray sofa cushion; 1st, to Mrs. L. Gillingham, for sofa cushion; 1st, to Mrs. D. Lewis, for bead work; 1st, to Mrs. Whittlesley, zebray embroidery; 1st premium to Mrs. Chapman for cross of bark and moss; 1st premium to Miss Armstrong for slippers; 1st premium to Mrs. John Linnson for tapestry; 2d premium to Miss Melcher for tapestry; 1st premium to Mrs. Charles Dimetry for silk embroidery; 1st premium to Miss De-vaughn for linen dress embroidery; 1st premium to Mrs. D. Little for croquet sacques; 1st premium to Miss Louisa Melcher for embroidered chair; 1st premium to Miss Mamie Harlow for embroidered chair; 1st premium to Miss Mamie Edelin for zebray tipper; 1st premium to Mrs. A. R. Truax for cotton embroidery; 2d premium to Miss J. Baker for cotton embroidery; 1st premium to Miss R. N. Gibbs for cotton tipper; 2d premium to Mrs. J. E. Creighton for cotton tipper; merit to Mrs. P. E. Padgett for tatting work; merit to Miss Bessie Janney, seven years of age, oros; 1st premium to Miss Kate Linnson for tufted chairs; 1st premium to Mrs. Kaufman for orape and chenille work; 1st premium to Mrs. Herick for motto; 2d premium to Miss Gardiner for motto; 1st premium to Miss Kinsey for pair of brackets; 1st premium to Mrs. R. Little for hair receiver; 1st premium to Mrs. M. Janney for pin cushion; merit to Mrs. E. Jacobs, a blind lady, for shawl; merit to Miss Maggie Taylor, a blind girl, for mats; merit to Mrs. P. E. Padgett for embroidery; merit to Miss Annie Henderson for tidies.

Respectfully submitted by the judges, MRS. H. H. HENDRICKSON, MRS. M. C. STAYMAKER, MISS M. J. STEWART.

We desire to mention a few articles not in our class, but left in our charge.

Three very handsome jars of Chinese work by Mrs. H. Snowden.

Several pieces of India china, formerly belonging to Gen. Washington, deposited by Mrs. Geo. Washington.

Quite a variety of ladies' very pretty wall pockets and other handsome fancy articles were contributed by Misses Lillie Troth, Katie Simpson, Annie and Sallie Lukens and others. Committee on Fancy Work.

News of the Day.

The grand jury of the Baltimore county, Md., Circuit Court, September term, brought in yesterday an indictment against two members of the court—Judges Grason and Yellott, who were presented by the late grand jury, for alleged frauds of county officials by adjourning court in June last to September, before their investigation was concluded. Upon the indictment found yesterday, bench warrants were issued by Judge Walters for their arrest. The grand jury also returned an additional presentment against Judge Yellott, charging him with "drunkenness," rendering him unfit to maintain the dignity of the court, being unable to discharge the duties of the position and bringing into disrepute the office which he presides into disrepute and disgrace.

A fire broke out last evening at Providence, R. I., in a block close to the Postoffice, and soon presented so threatening an aspect that the entire fire department was called into service, and aid was solicited from Pawtucket and Newport. The fire burned two hours before it was under control, consuming four spacious blocks occupied by numerous wholesale grocers and liquor dealers, two chocolate factories, a hat-making office, for wool dealers. The Custom House and Postoffice adjoining escaped damage.

At the prohibitionists conference in New York yesterday a declaration of principles was adopted to the effect that it is neither right nor politic for the State to afford legal protection or sanction to any traffic or system that tends to increase crime, to warp natural resources, to corrupt the mind and to destroy the health and lives of the people. A resolution was adopted to vote for no person for public office who does not favor these principles.

The locomotive of a freight train on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, near Rocky Hill, Ky., exploded, yesterday, killing the engineer, fireman and brakeman, and wounding several other persons. The conductor, A. L. Church, though severely bruised, crawled along the track and signaled the south-bound passenger train averting a collision. Three valuable race horses on the train were killed and two others injured.

On Wednesday evening an unknown man cut his throat in the saloon of a railroad car on the Pan Handle train from Columbus to Cincinnati, soon after it left Columbus. He reversed his windpipe and fired a pistol ball through his head. He died before the train arrived at Morrow, where his body was lying in state, and in order that an inquest could be held.

The regular weekly treasure coach, from Deadwood, was stopped by two masked men, near Cheyenne river, Wednesday night last. Resistance was made and Scott Davis, one of the messengers, was wounded in the leg, disabling him. The robbers then got possession of all arms in the coach, but were unable to force the iron safe.

Louisa Koppel, a married woman, residing in East Baltimore, left her bed early yesterday morning, and going to a clothes line. She was found shortly afterwards by her husband, who had missed her from his side, but life was extinct.

Maj. Gen. Pearson has been committed to prison in Pittsburgh on a charge of murder, in having given the order to the troops to fire during the railroad riots, by which Nicholas Stuppel was killed while sitting on his own doorstep. A writ of habeas corpus was subsequently obtained and he was liberated on bail.

S. Travers Phillips, a prominent lawyer of Staunton and formerly Commonwealth's Attorney, was found dead in bed in that town last night about 11 o'clock, with a pistol still in his hand. He was the son of the Rev. R. H. Phillips of the Episcopal Church.

The official report of the examiners as to the damage to the models and papers by fire in the Patent Office shows that the injury is not very great and can be repaired. The business of the office will not be interrupted.

The Minnesota republican convention unanimously approved the President's Southern and civil service policies, favor early resumption of specie payments, and renomination of silver. The present State officers were renominated.

Two of the robbers who plundered the Union Pacific train have been killed in the pursuit and sixteen thousand dollars of the stolen gold recovered. They were overtaken by a posse near Wallace, Kansas, and resisting arrest, were shot.

John Perry, residing three miles from Hydeville, Vt., after quarreling with his wife yesterday, agreed to let her be for \$250, and at night set fire to the house and afterward shot himself through the heart.

Letter from Fauquier.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

ORLEAN, Sept. 27, 1877.—We hardly know how many candidates are in the field for the House of Delegates—somewhere in the neighborhood of a dozen. Three are running in the upper part of the county, and about one-fourth of the politicians are running in the lower end. All of them are confident they will be elected, and especially those who are opposed to "Old Dog Tray" (as one of the candidates for the Senate very eloquently refers to the sheep killing dogs of our district) being taxed. Some of the aspirants for office are dealing very gently with the worthless curs, and seem to have a special liking for them. When they meet Sambo with his half starved dog, they say to him vote for me, and when I get to the Legislature I will have that very offensive law repealed that taxes your innocent cur to pay for sheep that he or some other dog may happen to kill; vote for me and I'll fix things in a better shape, so that your dog may kill just as many sheep as he wants to, and the owner cannot get pay for them by taxing your dog and mine; and when they meet with a man who loves lamb and mutton better than dog, they say to him, vote for me and I'll see that your sheep are protected from the ravages of dogs, and see, too, that sheep husbandry increases, even if it is at the expense of the dogs. And so they go the rounds, carrying two faces, and as one of the candidates said, we have a pill that will suit all of them. They make a diagnosis of the case and find out first where the seat of disease is, and then administer the remedy, and if the patient likes dog, they give him dog, and if he likes sheep they give him sheep. They have made a new departure; physicians generally say what is best for the patient, but in the present case the nation says what is best for him to take. We have three candidates for the Senate—James V. Brooke, B. F. Rixey and ex Gov. William Smith. Mr. Brooke has the inside track, gaining the front in the start, and holding his own with ease, and on the home stretch will distance both the others so far that doubtless they will be glad to bolt the track and leave the way clear for their more successful competitor. Messrs. Brooke and Smith have been speculating at all of the precincts in the county, and Mr. Brooke has demolished Mr. Smith on every occasion, notwithstanding the Warren Sentinel's report to the contrary. We never expected to see the time when Gov. Smith would have to ride from house to house to get the people of Fauquier to vote for him. Mr. Brooke announced himself as candidate for the 8th and to defeat him the cratic clique of Warrenton (when I say democratic I don't mean conservative) brought Mr. Smith out to defeat Mr. Brooke, thinking that he, Mr. S., could defeat him with ease, but in the language of the superintendent of the democratic party of Fauquier, they have struck on the wrong man. Mr. Brooke is truly a conservative man and will, beyond all question, be elected by an overwhelming majority. Success to him and to all men like him; then Virginia will soon regain her once proud and exalted position, and she will have great reason to be thankful for such a representative as James V. Brooke, for he will do honor to any State or country. Fauquier may well be proud of such a son.

Letter from Hamilton.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

HAMILTON, VA., Sept. 27.—The stock sales of Messrs. Taylor, Hess & Co. yesterday were well attended. There was a large crowd from early morning until late in the afternoon. There was much property disposed of at good prices. One pair of Berkshire pigs brought \$40, while grade lambs brought from \$4.50 to \$5 per head. Three Wilmington vehicles—two carriages and one buggy—were sold at good prices, while furniture, harness, etc., were sold at satisfactory prices. Taken altogether, the first sale may be considered a success, and, considering the busy season with the farmers, the attendance yesterday is good evidence of the interest our people feel in their success. The next sale day is set for October 24th, when the number and variety of blooded stock to be offered will add largely to the interest of the sales. They also propose selling a large stock of store goods, commencing October 31, and continuing from day to day until all is sold. One of the principles upon which these sales are to be conducted is that everything offered is to be sold positively; consequently no by-bidding is allowed, and purchasers know that they are not to be imposed upon by interested parties forcing goods to high prices.

PIEDMONT FAIR.—A committee of the Piedmont Agricultural Society, consisting of Col. S. S. Bradford, president of the society; Hon. Wm. Fullerton, Colonel John S. Barbour, president of the Virginia Midland Railroad; George D. Gray, esq., and Major John B. Stander, Mayor of Culpeper, Va., called on President Hayes yesterday at 2 p. m., and tendered him and the members of the Cabinet the courtesies of the society for their annual fair, to be held at Culpeper, Va., on the 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th of October. President Barbour tendered the President a special train for him and his Cabinet and such members of Congress as desire to attend, promising to run them down in two hours and bringing them back again in the evening. The President said if he could possibly do so he would avail himself of the flattering invitation, and would consult the Cabinet about the proposed visit to day. Col. Bradford stated he would give a cordial welcome from the people of Piedmont, Va., who desired to see him in person and extend to him their cordial support in his good work of pacification. Col. B. presented an elegant bouquet to the President for Mrs. Hayes from a lady of Virginia as a token of the high estimation in which her Christian virtues and ennobling character are held by the women of Virginia.—Washington Nation.

The yellow fever prevailing at Vera Cruz is of the most violent type, and very fatal.

There is something peculiarly and sufferingly suggestive in the word Boils. Many suffer with this exhibition of impure blood which disfigures the person and annoys attendants and associates, when they could be made clean and their blood kept pure by using Dr. Bull's Blood Mixture.

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